

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 16, 2005

FORMER POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH MISCONDUCT

A former Holly Hill police officer was arrested Thursday afternoon and charged with four counts of **Misconduct in Office**.

The officer is identified as **Mark Wright**, 36, who currently resides at 2201 Mossy Oaks Road, Beaufort, S.C. He was arrested around 4:00 p.m. and was booked at the Orangeburg-Calhoun Regional Detention Center.

The arrest is a result of an on-going investigation conducted by SLED at the request of former Holly Hill Chief of Police Younginer. The case will be prosecuted by the First Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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Warrants Attached.

ARREST WARRANT

H-661053

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
 ORANGEBURG COUNTY

 THE STATE
 against

MARK WRIGHT

Address: 2201 Mossy Oaks Rd
Appt B-5 Bldg 29102
 Phone: 243-252-5796 SSN: [REDACTED]
 Sex: M Race: B Height: 5'7 Weight: 175
 DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]
 DOB: 1-5-69 Agency ORI #: [REDACTED]
 Prosecuting Agency: SLED
 Prosecuting Officer: JOHN BRANNHAM
 Offense: MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE
 Offense Code: 0819
 Code/Ordinance Sec. 0819

 This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

 The accused
 is to be arrested and brought before me to be
 dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date:

RETURN

 A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
 defendant MARK WRIGHT

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

 RETURN WARRANT TO:
 ORANGEBURG MAGISTRATES 1 DAVIS
 P.O. BOX 9000
 ORANGEBURG SC 29116

 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
 ORANGEBURG COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT

S/A JOHN BRANNHAM

 Personally appeared before me the affiant MARK WRIGHT who

 being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant MARK WRIGHT
 did within this county and state on 6-16-05 violate the criminal laws of the
 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of ORANGEBURG COUNTY)

 in the following particulars: MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

 I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
 the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

"SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT"

Signature of Affiant

 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
 ORANGEBURG COUNTY)

 Affiant's Address: BROAD RIVER ROAD
COLUMBIA SC
 Affiant's Telephone: 803-737-9000

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

 It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
 on 6-16-05 defendant MARK WRIGHT

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of ORANGEBURG COUNTY) as set forth below:

 DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

 Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said
 defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
 the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

 Sworn to and signed before me
6/16/05

 on 6/16/05
 Signature of Issuing Judge [Signature] (L.S.)

 Judge Code: 721

 Judge's Address: P.O. BOX 9000
ORANGEBURG SC 29116

 Judge's Telephone: 803-533-5843

 Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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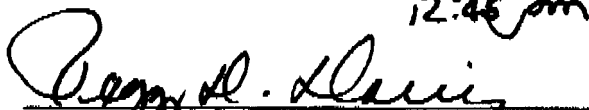
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**MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE
COMMON LAW**

That on or about July 17, 1999, while employed as a Holly Hill City Police Officer in Orangeburg County, South Carolina the aforesaid, one Mark Wright did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously commit Misconduct in Office (Common Law) while on duty and while employed as a police officer in Holly Hill South Carolina. The facts to establish the aforesaid is that on the above date at the above location the defendant did initiate a traffic stop on the victim who was driving under suspension, allowed her to drive back to the police department. Once inside he offered to drop the charges if the victim would allow him to video tape her taking all of her clothes off. A copy of this video tape was seized from the defendant's apartment in January of 2005 by agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE 2005

12:45 pm


SIGNATURE OF JUDGE



SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

DEFENDANT'S INFORMATION:

NAME: Mark Wright

DOB:

SSN:

ADDRESS:

HGT:

WGT:

HAIR:

EYES:

RACE: B SEX: M

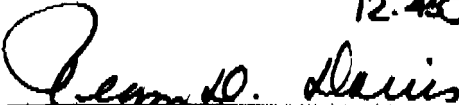
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**MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE
COMMON LAW**

That on or about December 2004, while employed as a Holly Hill City Police Officer in Orangeburg County, South Carolina the aforesaid, one Mark Wright did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously commit Misconduct in Office (Common Law) while on duty and while employed as a police officer in Holly Hill South Carolina. The facts to establish the aforesaid is that on the above date at the above location the defendant did initiate a traffic stop on the victim who was driving under suspension, allowed her to drive back to the police department. Once inside the courtroom he offered to drop the charges if the victim would allow him to video tape her taking all of her clothes off. A copy of this video tape was seized from the defendant's apartment in January of 2005 by agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE 2005, 12:40pm



SIGNATURE OF JUDGE



SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

DEFENDANT'S INFORMATION:

NAME: Mark Wright **DOB:** **SSN:**

ADDRESS:

HGT: **WGT:** **HAIR:** **EYES:** **RACE: B SEX: M**

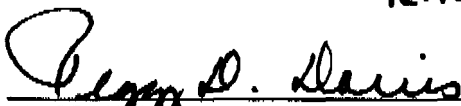
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**MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE
COMMON LAW**

That on September 16, 2004, while employed as a Holly Hill City Police Officer in Orangeburg County, South Carolina the aforesaid, one Mark Wright did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously commit Misconduct in Office (Common Law) while on duty and while employed as a police officer in Holly Hill South Carolina. The facts to establish the aforesaid is that on the above date the defendant was executing a search warrant at the victim's apartment in Holly Hill, S.C. for narcotics. The defendant removed, from the apartment, personal pictures of the victim in sexual positions. These pictures were not listed in the return of the search warrant. These photographs were recovered by agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE 2005. 12:45pm



SIGNATURE OF JUDGE



SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

DEFENDANT'S INFORMATION:

NAME: Mark Wright

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SSN:

ADDRESS:

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EYES:

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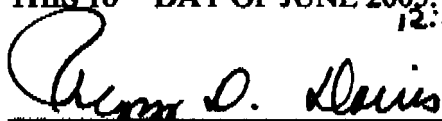
**MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE
COMMON LAW**

That during the year of 1998, while employed as a Holly Hill City Police Officer in Orangeburg County, South Carolina the aforesaid, one Mark Wright did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously commit Misconduct in Office (Common Law) while on duty and while employed as a police officer in Holly Hill South Carolina. The facts to establish the aforesaid is that on the above date at the above location the defendant did initiate a traffic stop on the victim who was speeding, allowed her to drive back to the police department. Once inside he offered to drop the charges if the victim would hold up her shirt for him to take a Polaroid picture of her breast. The Polaroid picture was seized from the defendant's apartment in January of 2005 by agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE 2005.

12:45 pm



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